GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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CONFERENCE OF CHIEF MINISTERS ON INTERNAL SECURITY
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any conference of Chief Ministers was held in September, 2006 under the Chairmanship of Hon`ble Prime Minister to strengthen the security measures;

(b) if so, the main agenda discussed in the meeting;

(c) whether a number of States had given proposals to provide financial assistance/ grants-in- aid to make the State. Police effective in rural areas to control the terrorist activities in their respective States; and

(d) if so, the details and reaction of the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a): A Conference of Chief Ministers on Internal Security was held in New Delhi on 5th September, 2006, under the Chairmanship of the Prime Minister.

(b): The agenda included tackling Naxal violence, situation in the North East, situation in Jammu & Kashmir, prevention and combating of terrorist activities in the hinterland, and maintenance of communal harmony.

(c) & (d): The Central Government is extending financial assistance to the State Governments under the Scheme for Modernization of State Police forces. Every year, details of the requirements of the States are received in respect of police stations outposts buildings, police housing, mobility, weaponry, communication systems, training, forensic science facilities, etc. The States Governments have been advised to earmark upto 5% of the annual allocations under the Modernization of State Police Forces (MPF) towards strengthening of their Special Branches. Further, four naxal affected States of Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Orissa have been asked to include specific sub-plans for strengthening of Special Branches under the MPF Scheme in 2007-08. Accordingly, the revised plans submitted by these States contain the sub-plans as required. These Sub-plans,interalia, have provisions for communication / security / surveillance equipments, computerization, and have been prepared in consultation with the Central intelligence agencies. These States have made provisions for amounts ranging from 5.83% to 35.53% towards the Special Branches component. These activities generally cover rural as well as urban areas and help in strengthening the state police forces so as to enable them to control terrorist activities.